



Seeing the Unseen Ephesians 1:15-23

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Connect: *Find out how everyone is doing; this will give you an opportunity to better know how to encourage and minister to each other.*

- ◆ If your group has guests or new members take some time to make sure everyone knows each other.
- ◆ What has been a high and low point in everyone's life in the last week?

Background

- ◆ Ephesians 1:15-23 in Greek is one single sentence. Verses 15-16 are thanksgiving, verses 17-19 are an intercessory prayer, and verses 20-23 are a confession of praise for God's power.

Prepare

- ◆ Do you remember a time in your life when the light bulb came on and you began to understand something that had previously eluded you? Share that experience with the group. How might your life have been different if you had never come to understand about what you just described?

Grow

- ◆ Read Ephesians 1:15-23
- ◆ Paul tells us in verse 17 that he asked God to fill us with wisdom that only comes through the Holy Spirit so that we can come to know God better.
 - ☞ Does this tell us that there are some things that only the Holy Spirit can help us to understand?
 - ☞ Would a problem develop in our understanding of God if we did not allow the Holy Spirit fill and control us? What might this problem look like in a person's life?
 - ☞ Should we continue to grow in our faith and knowledge of God? How do you do that in your life? How do you continuously seek to allow the Holy Spirit to more fully fill and control your heart, strength, mind, and soul?
- ◆ Verse 18 sets up an interesting imagery in describing sight coming through our heart. The things Paul needs us to see are things that are not visible in our physical world but are instead spiritual in nature.
 - ☞ What are the 'eyes of our heart'? (NIV)
 - ☞ What is it that Paul wants us to see with the eyes of our heart?

- ⦿ What role does the Holy Spirit play in helping us to ‘see’ this amazing image of inheritance and power?
- ⦿ What would our Christian walk be like if we were not able to ‘see’ this inheritance and power?
- ⦿ What in this world would prevent us from ‘seeing’ what Paul says we need to ‘see’?
- ⦿ Do you have trouble seeing the unseen– the spiritual world and the hope and power that God brings us? Why? What can this group do to help you see with the eyes of your heart?
- ⬢ Ephesians 1:3 told us that we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing because of Christ.
 - ⦿ Do you believe that reality?
 - ⦿ Do you live that reality?
 - ⦿ What needs to change in your life/your heart so that you can live your life transformed by the reality of the unbelievable spiritual blessing God has given us?

Prayer:

- ⬢ Spend a few moments having your group’s prayer coordinator gather prayer requests from your group.
- ⬢ Lift up your group’s prayer requests and ask God to teach us how to see with the eyes of our heart. *Consider inviting each person in the group to pray.*

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